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Applicant: Nicholas A. Verini)
Title: NON-LETHAL HANDGUN) Group Art Unit: 3641
Serial No.: 10/013,099) Examiner: Troy Chambers
Filed: December 6, 2001)
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2001. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between alleged patentably distinct species identified as Species A directed to Fig. 1, Species B directed to Fig. 2, Species C directed to Fig. 3, Species D directed to Figs. 4 and 5, Species E directed to Fig. 8, Species F directed to Fig. 9, Species G-J directed to spheres of stainless steel, nylon, and other dense solids, and Species K directed to solid stainless steel balls or hollow steel balls.

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's requirement in that there are in fact generic claims covering all species which claims Applicant contends are patentable. However, Applicant elects Species 1, with traverse. Applicant further contends that the species illustrated in Figs. 3-6 are simply detailed components of the elected Species 1 and should therefore be included in that category. In accordance with the Examiner's requirements, the Applicant believes that claims 1-5, 9, 10, 12-25 and 27-31 all read on the elected Species 1.



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Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for examination and that both the elected and non-elected claims are patentable, and Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination and allowance thereof.

Respectfully Submitted,

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